

138 INT. BOARDROOM, NHL HQ, NEW YORK - DAY

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It's packed. Gary Bettman, Dawn, and the entire NHL front office fill seats around the boardroom table.

Jim waits for some kind of introduction at the door, but when it doesn't come he awkwardly nods and takes his seat...

JIM
...How's everybody doing?

DAWN
Jim, we'll get right to the point here because we don't want to waste your time. It's not going to happen for you and the Penguins.

JIM
What?

DAWN
We held the vote with the other owners and unfortunately it went against you 26-0.

JIM
Are you being serious?

DAWN
Yes, unfortunately.

JIM
Gary, I thought we had a deal. What the fuck changed here?

DAWN
The owners did not find you to be of "good character and integrity".

JIM
Gary.

GARY BETTMAN
Jim, do you know somebody named Carl Yankowski?

JIM
...You guys are so fucking stupid.

GARY BETTMAN
It's funny. It's one thing to have a secret plan to fuck over the NHL and move a team to Canada.

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GARY BETTMAN (CONT'D)
It's another thing to brag to all your rich friends about your secret plan before you actually do it. Now what kind of an idiot does that?

JIM
You know maybe I'll just buy this whole fucking league, how about that?

GARY BETTMAN
Dawn, can we see that Mr. Bald Silly gets safely back to Canada.

JIM
Fuck all you people. Get ready for a hostile takeover of this entire league, okay? I'm from Waterloo, where the vampires hang out!!!

Jim walks out and SLAMS the door.

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Jim rushes on...

JIM
Go!

PILOT (O.S.)
We'll never make it.

JIM
Yes! We will!
(to Austin)
Delay Sigman.

AUSTIN
I called. They said he's already left on vacation.

JIM
Where?

AUSTIN
I have no idea. They just said he's going to the airport.

The plane starts to move.

JIM
Great. So are we.

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